for nomination of the Vice-Chairperson of the NDMC from amongst the members specified in clauses (b) and (d) of sub-section (1). The Vice-Chairperson has been nominated from among the members specified in clause (b) of subsection (1) aforesaid. This being so and since all members of the Council are at par, the need for application of any yardstick about extent of representation does not arise.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

Findings of NHRC on Uttarakhand Agitation

2456. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the investigation by the Investigating Wing the NHRC of the violation of human rights by the Uttar Pradesh Police during the Uttarakhand agitation;

(b) what is the status of cases where person have disappeared in connection with the above agitation and whether NHRC has come to any conclusions; and

(c) what is the status of the cases relating to the rape by police in the Rampur-Tiraha in Muzaffarnagar District on 2nd October, 1994 and whether NHRC have fixed responsibility and recommended any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) to (c) The investigation Team of the National Human Rights Commission visited Uttarakhand from 10 to 15 October, 1994 and received 148 complaints from various quarters including three complaints of police atrocities and molestation in Muzaffarnagar district. The Investigation Team did not visit Rampur-Tiraha in Muzaffarnagar district and did not enquire into the cases pertaining to this district because in the meantime, a Writ Petititon with regard to Uttarakhand agitation was filed in the Allahabad High Court which directed the CBI to investigate into the complaints of violation of human rights by the Uttar Pradesh Police. Since the matter had become sub-jusdice in the High Court of Allahabad, the Commission did not pursue the investigation by its team.

Casual labourers in Tripura Project of ONGC

2457. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether casual labourers working in Tripura project of ONGC arc not being regularised as permanent;

(b) whether regularisation move can subdue the tribal insurgency infusing local element in the operations of ONGC;

(c) whether the Ministry propose to intervene in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM OF NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) No casual labourers are being engaged by ONGC Ltd., in Tripura Project at present. However, the case of 39 contingent workmen for regularisation is before the concerned Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) for conciliation.

Norms regarding the delivery of letters

2458. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any norms for on time delivery in the Post Office in relation to delivery of (1) local letters (2) letters to and from neighbouring districts (3) letters to be delivered in the same